Government for improving and constructing highways in these States;

(b) if so; the highways, indicating their locations and the funds utilised alongwith the percentage of utilisation; and

(c) what measures have been proposed to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The funds for the development of National Highways are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise. State-wise allocation and expenditure on the development of National Highways in the North Eastern States during 2001-2002 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Assam	7500.19	7500.00
2.	Manipur	1450.00	1077.00
3.	Meghalaya	2200.00	1900.00
4.	Nagaland	1500.00	1497.00
5.	Mizoram	2600.00	2143.00

(c) Various measures taken to improve the utilization of funds in the North Eastern Region include the introduction of direct payment system and stringent monitoring system.

NHs in Bihar

4641. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand for declaring more National Highways in the country;

(b) so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the demand for declaring Darbhanga-Jai Nagar, Birpur-Madhepura, Hazipur-Mushrigarari as National Highways has been considered by Government; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has received 307 proposals aggregating to about 49,500 kms. for declaration of new National Highways in various States.

(c) and (d) Dharbanga-Jai Nagar Road has been declared as National Highway No. 105, Birpur-Madhepura Road forms part of National Highway No. 106 and Hazipur-Mushrigarari has been declared as National Highway No. 103.

Improvement of Roads in Bihar and Jharkhand

†4642. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent by Government for improvement of roads in Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) whether less funds have been allocated to Bihar and Jharkhand for improvement of roads as compared to other States during the above period; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) Funds allocated and spent during last 3 years for development and maintenance of National Highways in the State of Bihar and Jharkand are given below :

(Amount Rs. in Crores)

Year	BIHAR				JHARKHAND			
	Original work		Maintenance & Repair		Original work		Maintenance & Repair	
	Allo-Cation	Expendi-ture	Allo-cation	Expendi-ture	Allo-cation	Expendi-ture	Allo-cation	Expen-diture
1999-2000	60.00	59.50	119.08	90.59	—	—	—	—
2000-2001	62.00	60.14	64.49	49.46	22.00	11.89	9.61	7.72
2001-2002	51.00	50.18	44.90	38.23	35.00	29.71	19.99	19.76

Note: (i) Jharkhand came into existence in Nov. 2000.
(ii) Amount for special repair crash programme 1999-2000 is included in M&R Allocation & Expenditure.

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